- Fig. 6. Posterior view of angular region of mandible.
  - (The above figures are one half natural size.)
  - 7. Diagram showing the structure of articular facet for quadrate.
  - 8. Diagram showing arrangement of foramina in orbit.

## Lettering for all the Figures.

car.for	carotid foramen.
e.o	exoccipital.

i.a.p. internal angular process.
inf.a.p. inferior angular process.
m.t. mamillar tuberosity.

p.a.p. . . . . posterior angular process.

 p.orb.pr.
 postorbital process.

 p.c.f.
 precondylar fossa.

 par.oc.
 paroccipital process.

 post.t.f.
 posterior temporal fossa.

post.t.r. . . . . post-temporal ridge.

 pr.
 pro-otic.

 sq.
 squamosal.

 t.f.
 temporal fossa.

 zyg.
 zygomatic process.

The Roman numerals in fig. 8 refer to the numbers of the cranial nerves which pass through the foramina indicated.

## PLATE IX.

## Sternum of Æpyornis.

Fig. 1 from below; Fig. 2 from side. ( nat. size.)

ant.lat.pro. antero-lateral process.

post.lat.pro. postero-lateral process.

c.q. coracoid groove.

s. ..... trace of suture between the two halves

## XXXV.—Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union, held April 22nd, 1896.

The Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union was held at the rooms of the Zoological Society of London, 3 Hanover Square (by permission of the Council of that Society), on Wednesday, the 22nd of April, at 6 P.M. In the absence of the President, Mr. P. L. Sclater, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S., was requested to take the Chair. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been read and confirmed, the Report of the Committee was read.

It stated that two Ordinary Members (F. A. Knight and Leopold Field) had withdrawn, and that four Members (Lieut. II. E. Barnes, H. Seebohm, H. T. Wharton, and Lieut.-Col. Drummond-Hay) had been lost by death since the last Anniversary.

The number of the Members of the Union at that time was 293, consisting of 263 Ordinary, 1 Extraordinary, 10 Honorary, and 19 Foreign Members.

There were 29 Candidates for the Ordinary Membership, and one for the Foreign Membership, to be balloted for at the present Meeting.

The General Index for the last three series of 'The Ibis,' agreed to be undertaken at the last Meeting, was in progress, and it was hoped that it would be ready for distribution early in 1897.

The accounts for the year 1895 were presented by the Secretary, and approved by the Meeting.

The following Ordinary Members were balloted for and declared to be duly elected:—

Boyd Alexander, Swifts Place, Cranbrook, Kent.

Charles F. Archibald, Rusland Hall, Ulverston.

Robert Blakeney, R.E., Aldershot Camp.

W. C. J. Ruskin Butterfield, Wilsden, Bradford; and 10 Stanhope Place, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

Francis J. Cade, The College, Cheltenham.

James S. Cameron, Royal Sussex Regiment.

Capt. Alexander H. Cowie, R.E., Stanhope Lines, Aldershot.

Francis C. Crawford, 4 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London, W.C.

Samuel Rutherford Crockett, Bank House, Penicuik, Midlothian.

Bertram W. Y. Danford, R.E., Chatham.

Count Ettore A. Degli Oddi, Padua.

James B. Dobbie, F.Z.S., 3a Pitt Street, Edinburgh.

Dr. Frederic D. Drewitt, 2 Manchester Square, W.

Lt.-Col. W. H. M. Duthie, Row, Doune, Perthshire.

Robert Gurney, Sprowston Hall, Norwich.

John C. Hartland, The Bluff, Yokohama, Japan.

William Jesse, La Martinière College, Lucknow, Oudh. J. A. Luttman-Johnson, M.A., 101 Mount Street, W.

Oswin A. J. Lee, 58 Manor Place, Edinburgh.

Percy Lubbock, 72 Cadogan Gardens, London, S.W.

Sir Herbert E. Maxwell, Bt., M.P., 49 Lennox Gardens, London, S.W.

Arnold Pike, 5 Rider Street, St. James's, London, S.W. Hugh L. Popham, New Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W.

Capt. J. Middleton Rogers, 1st (Royal) Dragoons.

Major George Rippon, 7th Burma Battalion, Meiktila, Burma.

The Earl Sondes, Lees Court, Faversham.

William F. Urwick, 27 Bramham Gardens, London, S.W. Watkin Watkins, Shotton Hall, Shrewsbury.

Lionel A. Williams, Llangurran, Salisbury; and Isthmian Club, Piccadilly, London, W.

Heer Herluf Winge, University Zoological Museum, Copenhagen, was balloted for and elected a Foreign Member of the Union.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Lilford and Mr. F. DuCane Godman were re-elected President and Secretary of the Union, and Mr. Osbert Salvin, M.A., F.R.S., was elected into the Committee in the place of Dr. W. T. Blanford, F.R.S., who retired by rotation.

On the motion of Mr. Sclater, it was agreed that the Committee be empowered, at their discretion, to call a second General Meeting of the B. O. U. some time in October or November, every year.

Mr. Sclater having explained his plans for a new General Synopsis of Birds, it was agreed that a Committee, consisting of Dr. Blanford, Mr. Godman, Mr. Salvin, Mr. Howard Saunders, and Mr. Selater, should be appointed to consider it, and to report on it to the General Meeting of the B.O. U. in 1897.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Meeting adjourned.

The Annual Dinner, subsequently held at Limmer's Hotel, was attended by 28 Members and guests.